



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q80436

TSUKADA, Kenji, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/798,409

Group Art Unit: 2856

Confirmation No.: 5988

Examiner: Rose Mary Miller

Filed: March 12, 2004

For: DETECTOR OF LIQUID CONSUMPTION CONDITION

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement, dated July 12, 2004, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-6 and 9-15 for examination. This election is made without traverse.

The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to two distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes there are no generic claims. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects Species I, on which claims 1, 4, 5 and 10-12 are readable.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims are found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

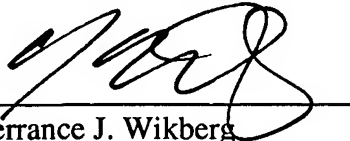
Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims.

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Respectfully submitted,



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